MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION February 19, 2013



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chuck Blair, Ray Gamma, Cynthia Owens, Roseann Alderete

LaCoursiere, Mike O'Halloran, Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

STAFF PRESENT: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation; Gayle Ichiho, Recreation

Supervisor, Milee Beaulieu, Acting Recreation Supervisor.

Public: Darlene Talukder, Anne Hayes, Jaime Benes, Clarence Mamuyak, Sharon

Li, Gene Capeder, Robert Castanedo, Tanner Orland, David Meck, Adeeb

Chowdhury.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION— None. Recommendations brought forward by separate agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gamma at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner LaCoursiere, and second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (4-0-3 abstentions) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013 with a correction regarding the Commission's desire to have the ISC "presentation to be given again so that the whole Commission could see and hear it before forwarding a recommendation to Council."

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission reviewed recent Council actions pertaining to Parks & Recreation including the approval of a new job description for Deputy Parks & Recreation Director that will replace the Park Superintendent position in the Department.

IV. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>—Commissioner Owens reintroduced the International Swim Center Renovation Team (comprised of the Santa Clara Swim Club, Santa Clara Dive Club, and the Santa Clara Aquamaids) and consultant hired by the Team (Clarence Mamuyak, ELS Architecture and Urban Design). Commissioner Owens provided background on: the history and benefits of the International Swim Center to the community and user groups; the clubs' desire to propose a sustainable win-win for City, community and clubs; a financing model that provides 100% private and corporate funding; a process that will involve public input into the final design; the necessity of replacing the aging ISC facility; the next steps involving a financial feasibility study (paid by the Clubs) and an independent program study and market analysis by the City; and, the desire for a public-private partnership.

The Director of Parks & Recreation provided a brief history of previous proposals to municipally fund the ISC renovation and highlighted the staff recommendation that the Commission refer the new conceptual design and privately funded renovation proposal to the Council for consideration in the

upcoming Council Goal Setting meeting, including key next steps of conducting an independent Facility Program Study (city funded) and a financial feasibility study (club funded) to be completed in the next six months.

Mr. Mamuyak gave a presentation and reviewed with the Commission comparable projects recently completed or underway in other jurisdictions, benchmark facilities, the current ISC, the last City renovation proposal and the two new schematic designs and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Commissioners had questions related to the operating costs of the facility, potential growth of the programs, parking impacts, and the CEQA process. Staff clarified and reviewed the primary elements of the new concept plan that includes: 100% private funding (donor development model) of the total project costs of \$40-\$46 million including design and construction of a new International Swim Center, that after completion would be gifted back to the City; would fit into the existing footprint at Central Park; be LEED certified; provide improved schematic design to provide an accessible community facility with high end competitive program elements (subject to further revisions, and that would address neighborhood and other impacts raised in the public process); and, would address future operation and maintenance costs and issues. Public comments included support from the Dive Club for a covered facility and support from the Swim Club for the "L" shaped concept.

On a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission recommended (6-0-1 abstention—Owens) "that the Council refer the International Swim Center Renovation Proposal conceptual designs and donor development model to the Council Goal Setting process, including key next steps to conduct an independent aquatic program analysis in an amount not to exceed \$88,000 and a donor financial feasibility study funded by the International Swim Center Renovation Team to be completed by June 30, 2013."

V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. The Commission reviewed the terms of the West Valley-Mission College District Ball field Joint Use Agreement Terms. Commissioners commented about the differences between the previous agreement and new agreement terms. Commissioners felt strongly about the need for continued community access to the softball fields and were interested in access to another baseball field in the City of Santa Clara even though the agreement terms do not provide access to the Mission College baseball field.

On a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner Owens, the Commission recommended (6-0-1 abstention—Blair) that the Council approve the West Valley-Mission College District Ball field Joint Use Agreement.

B. The Commission reviewed the terms of the Santa Clara Swim Club Mary Gomez Pool Use Agreement terms.

On a motion by Commissioner O'Halloran and second by Commissioner Silva, the Commission recommended (6-0-1 abstention—Owens) that the Council approve the Santa Clara Swim Club Mary Gomez Pool Use Agreement.

- C. The Commission reviewed the 33rd Annual Art & Wine Poster. Commission liked the contemporary design elements of glass and bottle and green color, however wanted an increased emphasis on Santa Clara and larger logos.
- D. The Commission tabled item to review at next meeting with more available information.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Recreation Programs. Director Teixeira introduced Supervisors Ichiho and Beaulieu who described a new, free eight-week summer non-competitive coed program sponsored by the Jr. Giants Community Fund that will focus on character development, education, health and violence prevention and introduce baseball to youth. The City is looking for Recreation Leaders who will serve as part-time coaches for the program June 4, 2013 to August 15, 2013.

B. Parks Projects. Director Teixeira reported that the Fremont Park drinking fountain is under repair. The Agnews Park restroom building is being removed. The basketball court replacement will follow.

VII. <u>COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS</u>

Commissioner Blair—No report.

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on visit to Kelley Park in San Jose.

Commissioner LaCoursiere—No report.

Commissioner O'Halloran—Reported on Senior Center use.

Commissioner Owens—No report.

Commissioner Silva—Requested that the Commission discuss at a future meeting naming a ball field for former City resident and long time Parks & Recreation Department employee, Tony Sanchez.

Commissioner Walke—Reported on PAL programs and maintenance issue in Central Park.

- VIII. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.
- IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS—None.
- X. <u>ADJOURMENT</u>—On a motion by Commissioner Walke and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled on March 19, 2013, in the City Hall Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:		Reviewed by:	
	James Teixeira	_	Tino Silva
	Director of Parks and Recreation		Secretary